

Kazakhstan, Moldova, the Russian Federation, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine and Uzbekistan, pursuant to 19 U.S.C. 2432(b); (H. Doc. No. 108—111); to the Committee on Ways and Means and ordered to be printed.

3924. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting notification of his determination that a waiver of the application of subsections (a) and (b) of section 402 of the Trade Act of 1974 with respect to Turkmenistan will substantially promote the objectives of section 402, pursuant to 19 U.S.C. 2432(c) and (d); (H. Doc. No. 108—113); to the Committee on Ways and Means and ordered to be printed.

3925. A letter from the United States Trade Representative, Executive Office of the President, transmitting a report on the intent to initiate negotiations for a free trade agreement between the United States and the Kingdom of Bahrain, pursuant to Section 2104 (a)1 of the Trade Act of 2002; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

3926. A letter from the Regulations Coordinator, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's "Major" rule — Medicare Program; Changes to the Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility Prospective Payment System and Fiscal Year 2004 Rates, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

3927. A letter from the Regulations Coordinator, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's "Major" rule — Medicare Program; Changes to the Hospital Inpatient Prospective Payment Systems and Fiscal Year 2004 Rates [CMS-1470-F] (RIN: 0938-AL89) received July 31, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

3928. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Branch, Bureau of Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Performance of Customs Business by Parent and Subsidiary Corporations [CBP Dec. 03-15] (RIN: 1515-AD14) received August 5, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

3929. A letter from the United States Trade Representative, Executive Office of the President, transmitting a report on the intent to initiate negotiations for a free trade agreement between the United States and the Dominican Republic, pursuant to Section 2104 (a)1 of the Trade Act of 2002; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

3930. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Dual Consolidated Loss Recapture Events [TD 9084] (RIN: 1545-AY27) received August 1, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

3931. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Life Insurance Contract Defined (Rev. Rul. 2003-95) received August 1, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

3932. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Arbitrage and Private Activity Restrictions Applicable to Tax-exempt Bonds Issued by State and Local Governments; Investment-type Property (prepayment); Private Loan (prepayment) [TD 9085] (RIN: 1545-AY12) received August 1, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

3933. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Coverdell Education Savings Accounts [Notice 2003-53] received August 1, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

3934. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Weighted Average Interest Rate Update [Notice 2003-58] received August 12, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

3935. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Examination of returns and claims for refund, credit, or abatement; determination of correct tax liability (Rev. Proc. 2003-70) received August 5, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

3936. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Canadian Retirement Plan Trust Reporting [Notice 2003-57] received August 5, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

3937. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Revision of Income Tax Regulations under Sections 897, 1445, and 6109 to require use of Taxpayer Identifying Numbers on Submissions under the Section 897 and 1445 Regulations [TD 9082] (RIN: 1545-AY24) received August 5, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

3938. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Golden Parachute Payments [TD 9083] (RIN: 1545-AH49) received August 5, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

3939. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Administrative, Procedural, and Miscellaneous (Rev. Proc. 2003-69) received July 31, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

3940. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Definition of Regulated Investment Company (Rev. Rul. 2003-84) received July 31, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

3941. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Property Transferred in Connection with the Performance of Services (Rev. Rul. 2003-98) received July 31, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

3942. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Rules and Regulations (Rev. Rul. 2003-99) received July 31, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

3943. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Examination of returns and claims for refund, credit, or abatement; determination of correct tax liability (Rev. Proc. 2003-61) received July 31, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

3944. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Examination of returns and claims for refund, credit, or abatement; determination of correct tax liability (Rev. Proc. 2003-68) received August 5, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

3945. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Last-in, First-out Inventories (Rev. Rul. 2003-100) received August 14, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

3946. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Simplified Service Cost Method; Simplified Production Method [Notice 2003-59] received August 14, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

3947. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, Department of Education, transmitting the Department's report entitled "Annual Report to Congress" for fiscal years 2001 and 2002; jointly to the Committees on Education and the Workforce and the Judiciary.

3948. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Award of Grants and Cooperative Agreements for the Special Projects and Programs Authorized by the Agency's FY 2003 Appropriations Act — received August 1, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); jointly to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure and Energy and Commerce.

3949. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting notification of his determination that an applicable waiver has retroactive effect to January 1, 2003 and will remain in effect until December 31, 2006 as consistent with "The Clean Diamond Trade Act," pursuant to Public Law 108—19; (H. Doc. No. 108—123); jointly to the Committees on Ways and Means and International Relations, and ordered to be printed.

3950. A letter from the Regulations Coordinator, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's "Major" rule — Medicare Program; Prospective Payment System and Consolidated Billing for Skilled Nursing Facilities—Update [CMS-1469-F] (RIN: 0938-AL90) received July 31, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); jointly to the Committees on Ways and Means and Energy and Commerce.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

[Pursuant to the order of the House on July 25, 2003, the following report was filed on July 30, 2003]

Mr. ISTOOK: Committee on Appropriations. H.R. 2989. A bill making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation and Treasury, and independent agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes (Rept. 108-243). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

[Pursuant to the order of the House on July 25, 2003, the following reports were filed on August 4, 2003]

Mr. BOEHLERT: Committee on Science. H.R. 1085. A bill to make certain workforce authorities available to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 108-244, Pt. 1). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. BOEHLERT: Committee on Science. H.R. 2692. A bill to authorize appropriations for activities under the Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974 for fiscal years 2004 through 2006, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 108-245). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

[Pursuant to the order of the House on July 25, 2003, the following report was filed on August 14, 2003]

Mr. BOEHLERT: Committee on Science. H.R. 2608. A bill to reauthorize the National

Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 108-246, Pt. 1). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

[Filed on September 3, 2003]

Mr. SENSENBRENNER: Committee on the Judiciary. H.R. 1837. A bill to improve the Federal acquisition workforce and the process for the acquisition of services by the Federal Government, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 108-117, Pt. 2). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. OXLEY: Committee on Financial Services. H.R. 1985. A bill to amend the National Housing Act to increase the maximum mortgage amount limit for FHA-insured mortgages for multifamily housing located in high-cost areas; with an amendment (Rept. 108-247). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. OXLEY: Committee on Financial Services. H.R. 1533. A bill to amend the securities laws to permit church pension plans to be invested in collective trusts (Rept. 108-248). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. SENSENBRENNER: Committee on the Judiciary. House Resolution 234. Resolution condemning bigotry and violence against Arab-Americans, Muslim-Americans, South Asian-Americans, and Sikh-Americans (Rept. 108-249). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. SENSENBRENNER: Committee on the Judiciary. H.R. 292. A bill to amend title 4, United States Code, to add National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day to the list of days on which the flag should especially be displayed (Rept. 108-250). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. POMBO: Committee on Resources. S. 233. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of Coltsville in the State of Connecticut for potential inclusion in the National Park System (Rept. 108-252). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. POMBO: Committee on Resources. S. 278. An act to make certain adjustments to the boundaries of the Mount Naomi Wilderness Area, and for other purposes (Rept. 108-253). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. POMBO: Committee on Resources. H.R. 1409. A bill to provide for a Federal land exchange for the environmental, educational, and cultural benefit of the American public and the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, and for other purposes (Rept. 108-254). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. POMBO: Committee on Resources. H.R. 1616. A bill to authorize the exchange of certain lands within the Martin Luther King, Jr., National Historic Site for lands owned by the City of Atlanta, Georgia, and for other purposes (Rept. 108-255). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. POMBO: Committee on Resources. H.R. 1651. A bill to provide for the exchange of land within the Sierra National Forest, California, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 108-256). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. POMBO: Committee on Resources. H.R. 2059. A bill to designate Fort Bayard Historic District in the State of New Mexico as a National Historic Landmark, and for other purposes (Rept. 108-257). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. REYNOLDS: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 351. Resolution providing

for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2989) making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation and Treasury, and independent agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes (Rept. 108-258). Referred to the House Calendar.

DISCHARGE OF COMMITTEE

[The following action occurred on August 4, 2003]

Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XII the Committee on Government Reform discharged from further consideration. H.R. 1085 referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

[The following action occurred on August 14, 2003]

Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XII the Committee on Resources discharged from further consideration. H.R. 2608 referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed.

[The following action occurred on September 2, 2003]

Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XII the Committee on Financial Services discharged from further consideration. H.R. 2535 referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PRIVATE BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. POMBO: Committee on Resources. H.R. 1658. A bill to amend the Railroad Right-of-Way Conveyance Validation Act to validate additional conveyances of certain lands in the State of California that form part of the right-of-way granted by the United States to facilitate the construction of the transcontinental railway, and for other purposes (Rept. 108-251). Referred to the Private Calendar.

TIME LIMITATION OF REFERRED BILL

Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XII the following action was taken by the Speaker:

[Omitted from the Record of July 25, 2003]

H.R. 2535. Referral to the Committee on Financial Services extended for a period ending not later than September 2, 2003.

[The following action occurred on August 4, 2003]

H.R. 1085. Referral to the Committee on Government Reform extended for a period ending not later than August 4, 2003.

[The following action occurred on August 14, 2003]

H.R. 2608. Referral to the Committee on Resources extended for a period ending not later than August 14, 2003.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mrs. BIGGERT (for herself, Mr. SCOTT of Georgia, Mr. HINOJOSA, Mr.

ROSS, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. LUCAS of Kentucky, Mrs. MALONEY, Ms. LEE, Mr. BAKER, Ms. HART, Mr. OSE, Mr. KANJORSKI, Mr. GONZALEZ, Ms. HARRIS, and Mr. EMANUEL):

H.R. 2990. A bill to establish a Commission to Educate our Nation's Teachers and Students on Financial Literacy Skills; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. DREIER:

H.R. 2991. A bill to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Inland Empire regional recycling project and in the Cucamonga County Water District recycling project; to the Committee on Resources.

By Ms. HOOLEY of Oregon:

H.R. 2992. A bill to modify the calculation of back pay for persons who were approved for promotion as members of the Navy and Marine Corps while interned as prisoners of war during World War II to take into account changes in the Consumer Price Index; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. KING of New York (for himself, Mrs. MALONEY, Mr. ACEVEDO-VILA, Ms. BORDALLO, Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, Mr. FALCOMA, and Ms. NOR-
TON):

H.R. 2993. A bill to provide for a circulating quarter dollar coin program to honor the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, the United States Virgin Islands, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota:

H.R. 2994. A bill to amend the Small Business Act to prohibit the Administrator of the Small Business Administration from selling loans made by the Administrator under the disaster loan program; to the Committee on Small Business.

By Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota:

H.R. 2995. A bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to provide that an individual's entitlement to any benefit thereunder shall continue through the month of his or her death (without affecting any other person's entitlement to benefits for that month); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota:

H.R. 2996. A bill to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to require that certain technical medical employees of the Indian Health Service be compensated for time during which they are required to be on-call; to the Committee on Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. WOLF:

H.R. 2997. A bill to amend subchapter III of chapter 83 of title 5, United States Code, to make service performed as an employee of a nonappropriated fund instrumentality after 1965 and before 1987 creditable for retirement purposes; to the Committee on Government Reform.

By Mr. YOUNG of Florida:

H.R. 2998. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to exempt certain members of the Armed Forces from the requirement to pay subsistence charges while hospitalized; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. CONYERS:

H.J. Res. 67. A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to permit persons who are not natural-born citizens of the United States, but who have been citizens of the United States for at least 20 years, to be eligible to